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SUBJ: CCD: 742ND PLENARY MEETING, APRIL 5, 1977

1. SUMMARY: 742ND PLENARY MEETING MET MORNING, APRIL 5. YUGOSLAVIA MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT ADDRESSING CW, CCD, SSOD, AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT PROGRAM. CZECHOSLOVAKIA MADE BRIEF, GENERAL STATEMENT ON CTB, MDW, CW, CCD PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION, AND ANNOUNCED CZECH READINESS TO SIGN AND SATISFY ENMOD CONVENTION. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE 742ND PLENARY SESSION OF CCD CONVENED MORNING, APRIL 5; ZAIRIAN REP (BINTU'A) WAS IN CHAIR. YUGOSLAV REP (LALOVIC) MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT WHICH FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) AND ACCEPTABILITY OF UK DRAFT CONVENTION ON CW. SUPPORTING A UNIFIED SYSTEM OF BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTROL MEASURES TO

PROVIDE ADEQUATE VERIFICATION, HE STATED THAT "FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT POSSESS CHEMICAL WEAPONS, IT SHOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT ON-SITE INSPECTION IN CERTAIN CASES, BUT ONLY ON CONDITION THAT SUCH A CONTROL IS CARRIED OUT IN THE TERRITORIES OF ALL STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY." YUGOSLAV REP CALLED FOR REVISION OF ARTICLE IA OF UK DRAFT TO MAKE DEFINITION OF CW AGENTS MORE COMPLETE AND SUGGESTED THAT LANGUAGE BE INCLUDED WHICH REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO "PHYSIOLOGICAL HARM OR CESSATION OF PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS IN MAN, ANIMALS AND PLANTS." ALSO SUGGESTED REVISING ARTICLES II, III AND VII TO CONTAIN TERM "LOCATED ON ITS TERRITORY" AS WELL AS "POSSESSION." YUGOSLAV REP STATED THAT HE FELT NATIONAL CONTROL MEASURES HAD BEEN "SOMEWHAT UNDERESTIMATED" IN UK DRAFT.

3. YUGOSLAV REP TURNED TO ISSUE OF DISARMAMENT PROGRAM AND WARNED THAT CCD SHOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING AND HAVE SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE TO SHOW FOR ITSELF BY TIME OF SSOD OR FACE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING IMPOTENT, AN ORGAN FIT TO "SIMPLY AWAIT...FINAL SOLUTIONS...ON A 'TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT' BASIS" BEFORE IT BEGINS ITS ROLE AS A NEGOTIATING BODY. IN CLOSING, YUGOSLAV REP CALLED FOR DEMOCRATIZATION OF CCD, "...THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE MUST BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF FULL DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY, AS THESE ARE TODAY THE BASIC PREREQUISITES FOR OVERALL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION," AND "DEFINITE PROGRESS" DURING THE SUMMER SESSION IN "PREPARATION OF TEXTS OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS."

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4. CZECH REP (RUZEK) MADE BRIEF, SOVIET LINE STATEMENT ON CTB, MDW, CW, AND CCD PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION; NO MAJOR DEVIATIONS FROM REST OF EASTERN CAMP. IN OPENING REMARKS, CZECH REP CALLED FOR "UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE" OF ENMOD CONVENTION AND SAID, "MY COUNTRY IS CERTAINLY PREPARED TO BOTH SIGN AND RATIFY IT." CZECH REP SUPPORTED SOVIET DRAFT ON CTB AS "A GOOD BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT... OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF ON-SITE INSPECTION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS IS INCLUDED." HE ALSO VOICED SECOND CALL FROM EAST FOR ADDITIONAL TALKS ON MDW "WITH A VIEW TO WORK OUT THE TEXT OF A DRAFT CONVENTION." CZECH REP, COMMENDING US WORKING PAPER (CCD/531) ON INCAPACITATING AGENTS, EXPRESSED GOC POSITION THAT INCAPACITATING AGENTS, HERBICIDES AND DEFOLIANTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE CW BAN; HE STATED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREED THAT ENMOD CONVENTION BANNED "THE MASS AND LONG-LASTING USE" OF HERBICIDES AND DEFOLIANTS IN WAY, BUT SAID "COMPLETE BAN OF ANY MILITARY

USE" MUST FORM PART OF THE CW CONVENTION.

5. COMMITTEE AGREED WITH CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY SUGGESTION
THAT CCD RISE AFTER APRIL 7 PLENARY AND CONVENE AGAIN
MORNING, APRIL 14.

6. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR MORNING, APRIL 7.
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